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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7178

BILL NUMBER: HB 1434

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 27, 2015

BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Department of Child Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Mahan

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Head

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill makes changes to the child services and juvenile laws concerning the following:

- (1) Criminal history background checks.
- (2) Exception of certain governmental employees to licensing or certification requirements of social workers and counselors.
- (3) The responsibilities of the Department of Child Services (DCS).
- (4) Transitional services plans for certain individuals receiving foster care or collaborative care.
- (5) Regional service strategic plans.
- (6) Foster care.
- (7) Detention of children alleged to be children in needs of services (CHINS).
- (8) Case plans for CHINS.
- (9) Dispositional decrees and review of disposition decrees concerning CHINS.
- (10) Dispositional decrees and review of dispositional decrees concerning delinquent children.

The bill also repeals provisions concerning local plans for the provision of child protection services.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DCS reports the changes in this bill can be implemented within existing resource and funding levels.

The changes in the bill regarding the creation of a successor guardianship program could increase DCS guardianship assistance payments. However, any increase in annual payments is expected to be very small. The remaining provisions of the bill are expected to have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

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